

So a little lady greets the new day—as glamorous to our mind without the make-up, the hair-dressing and the spot-lights as

LIKE most other people, Mr. \* Sex has gone to war now. For 62 years he had been making door-knockers and fire-screens and other artistic wrought iron ornaments. Now

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His is no ordinary blacksmith shop—it is ancient, yet it is modern; face-to-face with a century-old anvil is a shining new electric hammer. From the walls, intricate carvings, some of which were made 80 years ago by the father of Mr. Sex, look down upon shining tools and machine parts on the benches. The furnace has outlived several generations, but now it is electrically fanned. There are gas brackets hanging from the ceiling, though the shop is lighted by electricity.

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For many, many years the shop produced farm implements and horse-shoes; gradually it changed over to more artistic wares, and now this, too, has been put aside, although Mr. Sex still manages to supply the needs of local farmers.

The shop is, of course, a dirty, smelly place; in the corner, where horses are shod, there is the usual heap of

The story of a village blacksmith who still finds time to shoe horses and mend farm implements, though he is mainly occupied on iron parts for naval craft.

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A mighty man is he -at his modern forge, and (Below) -Something attempted, somehing ironwork



Three of the walls are papered with newspaper cuttings and pictures of work produced in the shop. The other wall is covered by a blue-print of a world-famous set of gates. In the centre of the floor is an oak table; on it is a Remington typewriter which is facing a shining steet tube chair. There is a radio set in a corner, a waste-paper basket under the table, curtains at the windows—in fact, it is just like any office that is neat and tidy and well organised. It is only five yards from the turnace, but it might be as many miles.

Mr. Sex introduced his two sons into the business when they left school; they served a long and hard apprenticeship, the server is not, and will never be one of leisure, but one of leisures other than his family, his home and his work.

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and now they know the business thoroughly. Ronald, the eldest son, specialises in welding and fitting; his brother, Arthur, also a skilful fitter and smith, is the chief designer—he designed the famous 12ft. high chancel screen gates made for the English Church at Montreaux, Switzerland, and a set of gates which won the diploma of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths in 1933.

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Mr. Sex does not look very much like a blacksmith. He years a neat fawn shirt and a brown tie, his nails are cut short, and his hair is tidy: He wears heavy boots like a navvy, and blue overalls like an elective in the system when the post like an elective in the system of a far-sighted economy to build up a healthy and vigorous should be taken to new towns, and many existing small towns and many existing small towns and brown; in fact, he works on for several hours after his staff have gone home. He says it is his duty to work as long as physically possible because the future of England depends on the ships he helps to build.

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# and— Good Evening!



Remember her picture in our first issue while rehearsing? Here is Margot, Windmill Theatre fan dancer, as she is on the stage. Which picture of Margot do you like best?

"Tipping is an undemocratic system. Certain aspects of it verge on corruption. The system was invented in the time of serfdom and slavery to enable the rich to appear virtuous. It gave them an unfair advantage, and unscrupulous people took advantage of the system. The custom is degrading and demoralising, both to the tipped and the tipper."

Rear-Admiral Beamish, M.P.

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"Scholarship in the Englishspeaking countries must strive
to supply at least tentative
answers to the questions that
men and women everywhere are
asking concerning the ends of
human existence."

Professor John U. Nef.

It was an E.N.S.A. concerto a very poor house, barely thirty sailors, the majority of whom had come in the 3d. entrance. The play was approaching a climax, with the villain demanding £1,500 from the

"And where," asked the has assed hero, "am I going to go £1,500 from?"

Then up piped one of the "threepennies": "Take it out of the gate-money, guv'nor."

## Periscope Page

1. Where is the phrase, "Am I my brother's keeper?" found?
2. Where is the phrase, "The wind bloweth where it listeth,"

found?
3. Who had "a lean and hun-



## HAIR LEGS

FAST-DYING craft, that dates back hundreds of years, is chair-leg making.

Shortly before the war, four men were fully occupied with the work. Their home and factory was in the woods of Great Hamp-

These men, Messrs, F. Ricksom, A. Ricksom, A. Randall and H. Tilbury, carried on with all the enthusiasm of beginners looking forward to prosperous development.

They formed a little co-operative community, with Mr. F. Ricksom (who was continuing a ninety-year-old family business) taking the lead only when necessary.

He acted as buyer of the wood and general



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## How to write Short Stories-7 "READ TO WRITE" By C. GORDON GLOVER

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The soundest advice I can give to the aspiring writer of short stories is to tell him to become an enthusiastic reader of them. Technique can be acquired far more effectively by the study of it by the person concerned than by any number of "rules" that may be laid down for him by another party. Technique is always a professional business, and, so far as the writers of short stories are concerned, among the most capable professionals are such authors as Somerset Maugham, O. Henry, De Maupassant, Chekhov, Hardy, Saroyan, Bates, Blackwood, Gogol, De la Mare, and, of course, though there is no room to print them, the names of scores of others.

Apart from a study of these masters — a study which should be a joy in itself—it is necessary to read and to analyse the contemporary commercial short story whenever and wherever you see it. The reading of short stories as a means to the end of writing them should be conducted in the most analytical spirit possible. A writer may be forgiven for fifty years. That, however, as many time the climax. There is, after all, the girl who dared the room that has not been opened for fifty years. That, however, as the climax, the sting in about which he was sceptical. She is the climax, the sting in about which he was sceptical. She is the climax, the sting in the tail of the tale. And here it comes, in the last paragraph, which describes how Cardew, and a crowhere-crook, and a roulette table, it is not only foolish, but crooked, to write forthwith a story of a sneak-thief, a shesneak-thief, and a commercial traveller, a sneak-thief, as shesneak-thief, and a commercial traveller, as neak-thief, as sh St. Harden.

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## **Beelzebub Jones**













## Belinda









## Popeye











## Ruggles









coral reefs that emerged here and there.

Autilus, however, superior to all dangers of the sea, was going to make the acquaintance of its coral reefs.

The Torres Straits are about thirty-four leagues wide, but it is obstructed by an innumerable quantity of islands, reefs, and rocks, which make its navigation almost impracticable. Captain Nemo consequently took every precaution to cross it. The Nautilus, on a level with the surface of the water, moved slowly along. Its screw, like the tail of a cetacean, slowly beat the billows.

Profiting by this situation, my two companions and I took our places on the constantly deserted platform. Before us rose the helmsman's cage, and I am very much mistaken if Captain Nemo was not there directing his Nautilush imself.

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NEMO OF THE NAUTILUS

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Yatilus had spread out before me oxidition. The ebb tide was just beginning. The Nautilus approached this island, which I still border of screw-pines. We were S.E. to N.W., with a speed of two coasting at a distance of two miles. Suddenly a shock overthrew me. The Nautilus had just touched on a reef, and was quite still, lying lightly to port side.

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Answer to Round Roun

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## Answer to Word Ladder Puzzle

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# FROM a school team to a First Division club and a University "Blue"—all within two seasons. It reads like the life story of the hero of some schoolboy magazine.

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It is, in fact, the record of Frank Finch, brilliant 19-year-old Everton amateur outside-left.

Finch comes from Bryn, near Garswood, Lancs, and last season was playing in the Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School team.

Everton noticed him; asked him to help them as an amateur. Finch this year went up to Cambridge, and within a few months was given a war-time Blue against Oxford.

He is playing so brilliantly in the Everton team now that club officials say he would have been a certainty for an amateur international cap—but for the war.

A FAMOUS Rugby League team were a player short for a recent match. A notice board was sent round the ground asking if anyone in the crowd would volunteer to deputise.

A man in R.A.F. uniform came forward. He was given the odd set of togs . . and by magnificent running scored three grand tries—to win the game.

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Earl, eh?

Your guess is as good as ours, but we're assured his name really is in Debrett's.

LUCKY chap is 19-year-old munition worker Les Turner, of Oxford. Les is a first-class Soccer player—and just as good a boxer.

At Soccer, he is playing inside-left for Oxford City. As a fighter—the Welsh Flash, they call him—he is making his name among the best youngsters at featherweight.

Now Les is wondering what to do when the war ends—to become a pro. footballer, or a pro. boxer—or to jog along with an ordinary civvy job and fight or play Soccer in his spare time. Bit of a poser, you must admit.

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Fixtures such as these ring of a peace-time English Cup draw. But these games are being played far from the Homeland.

Men of the Eighth Army have formed their own football league—and all the teams have been named after famous English and Scottish clubs.

CENERAL MONTGOMERY is himself a keen Soccer fan. He is a Portsmouth supporter, having followed the club since his stay there as Garrison Commander.

Soon after the great advance began, one of the first congratulatory telegrams he received was from—

Portsmouth Football Club.

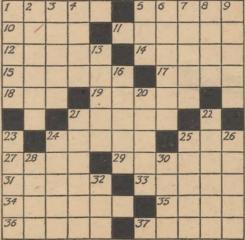
When at school at St. Paul's, General "Monty" captained the Rugby fifteen and the cricket eleven.

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CLUES ACROSS. 1 Extent.
5 Fast hold.
10 Exchanged for cash.

### CROSSWORD CORNER



cash.
11 Brown pigment.
12 Persons.
14 Commenced.
15 Temper.
17 Pulls hard.
18 Paid when due.
19 Big volumes.
21 Leaden-coloured.
24 Jewry.
25 Not burning.
27 Birds.
29 Layer behind
eye.

31 Cook.
33 Is morose.
34 Gesture.
35 Salad plant.
36 Slumber.
37 Bear.

Solution to Yester-day's Problem.



CLUES DOWN.

1 Province of India. 2 Moved listlessly. 3
Plain-spoken 4 Indolent 5 Wedge. 6 Staggered.
7 Boy's name. 8 Jagged projection. 9 Familiar
flower. 13 Silk fabric. 16 Suitor. 20 Units
of length. 21 Girl. 22 Ship's coal.bin. 23
Benches. 24 Item of crockery. 25 Lubrican
holder. 26 Savoury. 28 Fleece, 30 Musical
instrument. 32 Summit.



She still greets the morning with a smile—this girl across the way—a smile as bright as the newborn sun itself.

to-day. On Saturday afternoon you no doubt saw her rushing off to the public baths with her costume and towel hung around her neck, and in the evening you were probably envious of her parents, whom she escorted to the cinema. Blitz-girl During the blitz on London you might have missed her for weeks on end, because she didn't get home very often. With her colleagues, she went

She's a sun-lover to whom the call of the dewy garden, bathed in the first rays of sunlight, is irresistible.

# The girl who lives across the way—

A FEW years ago you might have seen her going to school—you might even have gone to Mitcham Elementary School with her. It is possible, too, that you went to the birth-day parties of the brown-

day parties of the brown-haired girl across the road.

If you cast your mind back you may recall that she had long legs and big, round, dreamy brown eyes. Like other girls, she grew up, and, like other girls, she used to take ner boy friends home to meet mother and to have some tea on Sunday afternoon. Perhaps you were one of the boys. If you were, then you will remember that she always helped mother with the washing-up and that she usually supervised the feeding of the dog and cat.

Didn't like School

She didn't like school very much, and she left as soon as her parents permitted.

Eventually she started

Eventually she started work, and you may have seen her leaving home every morning at 9.30. It is doubtful if you ever saw her return at night, though, because her work kept her late most nights. On Sunday mornings you might have seen her take her dog out to Mitcham Com-mon. You might have gone with her and helped her pick wild flowers, which she does

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The long-legged, browneyed girl has grown up now. She has matured into a very beautiful young lady. She still has large, round, brown eyes, and they are still dreamy. She is a very talented young lady, too; she has, in fact, reached the top of her trade. Perhaps it is because she likes her work more than she liked school.

In spite of her fame, she is still the same sweet, unspoiled girl she used to be when you used to see her going to school. In fact, if you saw her on Saturday afternoons now, when she goes, ration book in hand and basket on arm, to Mitcham shops, you might say she hadn't changed at all.

### CAN YOU GUESS



She's still first astir-first down for the milkwith a smile for the passing neighbour before disappearing into the kitchen to make the morning cup of tea for the family.

